

Patron Manual

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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Welcome to Wolfner Library

Mission Statement

The mission of Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is to provide informational and recreational materials in braille and audio formats free of charge to Missourians who are unable to use standard print materials due to blindness, visual or physical impairment, or a reading disability. Wolfner Library also provides disability-related information to the public.

Wolfner Library is part of the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS). All Wolfner Library materials are mailed free of charge through the U.S. Postal Service as "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped," under Public Law 91-375.

Contact Wolfner Library to request a recorded or braille copy of this manual.

Electronic copies of this manual are available on our Web site at www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner

About Wolfner Library

- Serves over 11,000 Missourians
- Provides free reading and video materials to patrons
- Circulates more than 500,000 items yearly
- Sponsors a children's Summer Reading Club
- Answers blind and disability-related reference and research questions for patrons

Service Overview

Wolfner Services Include:

- Reader Advisory Assistance
- Youth Services
- Reference Services

- Newsletters and e-mail updates
- Braille and Audio Reading Downloads (BARD)

Descriptive Videos and DVDs

Descriptive Videos and Descriptive DVDs are films, documentaries, and television programs with narration added to describe visual elements, such as settings and character actions. Descriptive Videos and DVDs may be played on any standard VCR or DVD player (provided by patron).

NFB-NEWSLINE®

Wolfner Library offers NFB-NEWSLINE®, a touch-tone telephone service for patrons who cannot read a printed newspaper. NFB-NEWSLINE® reads aloud the text from newspapers across the country. This service is available toll-free statewide.

Activity Kits

Activity Kits contain programs that encourage reminiscence about a specific era or theme, such as the 1950s or county fairs. Institutions or individuals may borrow one Activity Kit at a time and are responsible for the postage to return it to Wolfner Library.

Web-Braille

Patrons with Internet access and braille output capabilities may download braille books by accessing the NLS Web site. Reader Advisors assist patrons with creating NLS Web-Braille user accounts.

We're Here to Help

Each patron of Wolfner Library has an assigned Reader Advisor.

Contact your Reader Advisor if:

- You want to request books, magazines or videos
- You want information about titles, subjects or authors
- You want to read a book series in chronological order
- You have questions about downloading books from WolfPAC or BARD
- You have a question about your service

- You need your User ID and Password
- You stop receiving materials
- Your player does not work properly
- Your player is lost or stolen
- Your name, address, phone number or e-mail address changes
- You wish to have your service put on hold
- You have materials or equipment you are not using
- You wish to discontinue service

Loan Periods

The goal of Wolfner Library is to provide you with your preferred reading material on a regular basis. Returning items as soon as you are finished with them will guarantee you a steady flow of books.

- Each new patron is sent **seven** books. Contact your Reader Advisor if you want to increase or decrease the number of books you receive.
- The standard loan period, not including transit time, for a **book** is **six (6) weeks**.
- The standard loan period, not including transit time, for a **Descriptive Video or Descriptive DVD** is **seven (7) days**.

Shipment Interval Choices

- **On Demand**

Materials are shipped to you only upon your request.

- **Request List**

You supply us with a list of books and other materials that you would like to receive. Each time you return an item to Wolfner Library, another will be shipped from your list. You may add items to your request list.

- **Computer Selection**

You create a specific list based upon your interests and our computer system will automatically send you books deemed compatible with your interests. By telling us what you like and do not like, we are better able to program the computer to send you appropriate materials.

Your list will include favorite genres, favorite authors, and preferences regarding materials that contain sex, violence, and strong language.

- **Timed Interval**

A predetermined amount of materials is mailed to you on the same day of:

- every week
- every other week
- every month

How Patrons Receive and Return Materials

Materials from Wolfner Library will arrive with a reversible mailing label located within a label holder on the outside of the container.

- A circular-punched hole will be in the top right corner of the mailing label when you receive an item.
- When you are finished with an item, turn the mailing label over so that the circular punched hole is in the top left corner, replace the label in its holder on the outside of the mailing container, and drop it in the mail.
- Note: please rewind Descriptive Videos and the last cassette of each book.

Damaged Materials

If an item is damaged or defective when you receive it, or if it becomes damaged while you are using it, follow these steps:

- Notify Wolfner Library immediately. You will be sent another copy of the item if it is available.

- Mark the “Defective Book” box located directly underneath the circular punched hole in the top left corner of the label.
- Replace the label in its holder on the outside of the mailing container so that the circular punched hole is in the top left corner and drop the container in the mail.

Digital players

Wolfner Library is proud to provide digital players to its patrons. After 30 years of cassette players, NLS created a digital player that is remarkably simple to use. The digital player, easier to use than the cassette player, lighter weight and with top grade sound quality, allows patrons to experience books in the simplest and most rewarding way yet.

Exciting features of the digital player are:

- Single cartridges can hold multiple books to be played in the digital player. The “bookshelf” mode in the player navigates through the titles.
- Books may be downloaded to cartridges from the convenience of your home computer.

Call your Reader Advisor for information about the new player.

Press RW/FF to select book



2. Press and hold "Play/Stop" to enter bookshelf mode



1. Insert cartridge in player

To read cartridges with multiple books
Go to "bookshelf" mode



NLS Digital Player
Bookshelf

Download talking books from home!

Your Wolfner Library digital player will play downloaded books. **BARD** (Braille and Audio Reading Download)

BARD has over 15,000 digital books and 40 digital magazines!

Why wait for the postal service to deliver your books? Download from **BARD** 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

You will need:

- A high-speed Internet connection
- An e-mail address
- Knowledge of navigating the Web, filling out online forms, downloading large items and unzipping files

As an added incentive, Wolfner Library is offering Missourians a **1GB blank cartridge** and a **cable** to download digital books for the new digital players.

Note: A standard flash drive may also be used to play downloaded books in the digital players.

E-mail Distribution List

Patrons may subscribe to the free Wolfner Library e-mail distribution list to receive recommended reading lists, updates from NLS, the quarterly Wolfner Newsletter and other pertinent news. Contact Wolfner Library to subscribe.

How to Find What you Want

Wolfner Library offers several ways to review the materials in its collection:

- *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review* are bimonthly NLS publications distributed to patrons containing information about the most recent books produced by NLS.

- Subject catalogs created by Wolfner Library describe groups of books in genres such as Westerns, Mysteries and Romances.
- Subject catalogs created by NLS describe materials available by genre.
- Reader Advisors are available to assist patrons with requests for particular titles, subjects and authors.
- The Wolfner Library Online Public Access Catalog (WolfPAC) allows patrons to search the collection at any time.

Using the Wolfner Library Online Public Access Catalog (WolfPAC)

- Patrons may use the Wolfner Library Online Public Access Database (WolfPAC) with their User ID and Password to search online for materials. WolfPAC is accessible through the Wolfner Web site.
- Patrons may download digital books directly from WolfPAC as well as BARD.

Wolfner Library catalogs its materials with individual alpha-numeric codes. The prefix identifies the format of the item. Include the title and author, along with the catalog number, when requesting books to ensure receipt of the correct item.

The following list identifies the format prefixes:

- **BR** Braille
- **DB** Digital Cartridge
- **LP** Large Print. This collection consists primarily of books for children.
- **RC** Cassettes recorded on four tracks, produced by NLS. Cassettes play for 90 minutes per side.
- **WOD** Cassettes recorded by Wolfner Library volunteers or NLS libraries, recorded on four tracks. Cassettes play for 90 minutes per side.
- **WOC** Cassettes recorded on two tracks, produced commercially. Cassettes play for 60 minutes per side.

Copyright Law for Materials and Downloads

All Wolfner Library patrons must understand and agree to the following:

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Wolfner Library Team

Director

Dr. Richard Smith, Director of Wolfner Library, oversees all aspects of operations. Your comments about Wolfner Library are encouraged. If you encounter a service issue, after going through regular staff channels you may contact the Director.

Reader Advisors

Reader Advisors assist patrons with finding books, magazines and videos from the Wolfner collection. They answer patron questions about digital and cassette players, as well as questions about downloading books from the Wolfner Web site and the NLS BARD site. They create and update patron records, which include patron preferences for types of materials received and shipment schedules.

Youth Services Librarian

The Youth Services Librarian provides specialized services for children and teenagers who are patrons of Wolfner Library. The Youth Services Librarian works with young patrons and their parents, schools and teachers to provide reader advisory and reference services, as well as special programs such as the Summer Reading Program.

Special Services Librarian

The Special Services Librarian offers reference and referral assistance to patrons in search of information about assistive technologies and services for the blind and physically handicapped. Research is conducted using the Wolfner Library reference collection, NLS databases, the Internet and the Missouri State Library reference collection. The Special Services Librarian also promotes Wolfner Library to the general public and service organizations by presenting exhibits at outreach events.

Public Services Manager

The role of the Public Services Manager is to ensure that Wolfner Library patrons receive quality service. Comments about current and potential Wolfner Library services are always welcome.

Volunteer Services

Volunteers enhance the services provided by Wolfner Library by assisting in various capacities. One of the largest volunteer activities is the recording program. Volunteers read aloud Missouri-related materials in the library's recording booth. For more information about the volunteer program, contact Deborah Stroup, Coordinator of Volunteers, by e-mail at deborah.stroup@sos.mo.gov or phone at (573) 522-2766.

Circulation Staff

The Circulation Staff is responsible for the organization and distribution of the entire collection, sending more than 500,000 items a year to patrons.

Machines Coordinator and Staff

Wolfner Library provides federally owned equipment, accessories and catalogs to its patrons. The Machines Coordinator receives, distributes and oversees the equipment and accessories. The machines staff maintains equipment records, conducts inventories, repairs machines and provides equipment troubleshooting assistance.

Duplication Staff

The duplication staff creates labels for materials in the Wolfner Library collection, conducts quality control checks of each item, and duplicates popular fiction and nonfiction titles.